## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I declare: that I verily believe myself to be the original, first and sole (if only one individual inventor is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if more than one individual inventor is listed below) of the invention in

DATA TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, AND NODE EQUIPMENT AND NETWORK MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT USED IN THE SAME

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked.

□ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application or PCT International Application No.\_\_\_\_\_, and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) - (d) or 365

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365 (b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 35 U.S.C. 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also dentified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certifiate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Category Application No. Filing Date Claim

Japan Patent 2000-360372 November 27, 2000 Yes

And I hereby appoint Douglas B. Henderson (Reg. No. 20, 291), Ford F. Farabow, Jr. (Reg. No. 20, 630), Arthur S. Garrett (Reg. No. 20, 338), Donald R. Dunner (Reg. No. 19, 073), Brian G. Brunsvold (Reg. No. 22, 593), Tipton D. Jennings, IV (Reg. No. 20, 645), Jerry D. Voight (Reg. No. 23, 200), Laurence R. Hefter (Reg. No. 20, 827), Kenneth E. Payne (Reg. No. 23, 098), Herbert H. Mintz (Reg. No. 26, 691), C. Larry O'Rourke (Reg. No. 26, 014), Albert J. Santorelli (Reg. No. 22, 610), Michael C. Elmer (Reg. No. 25, 857), Richard H. Smith (Reg. No. 20, 609), Stephen L. Peterson (Reg. No. 26, 325), John M. Romary (Reg. No. 26, 331), Bruce C. Zotter (Reg. No. 27, 680), Dennis P. O'Reilley (Reg. No. 27, 932), Allen M. Sokal (Reg. No. 26, 695), Robert D. Bajefsky (Reg. No. 25, 387), Richard L. Stroup (Reg. No. 28, 478), David W. Hill (Reg. No. 28, 220), Thomas L. Irving (Reg. No. 28, 619), Charles E. Lipsey (Reg. No. 28, 165), Thomas W. Winland (Reg. No. 27, 605), Basil J. Lewris (Reg. No. 28, 165), Thomas W. Winland (Reg. No. 27, 605), Basil J. Lewris (Reg. No. 28, 188), Martin (Reg. No. 29, 924), Susan Haberman Griffen (Reg. No. 30, 907), Richard B. Racine (Reg. No. 30, 415), Thomas H. Jenkins (Reg. No. 30, 857), Robert E. Converse, Jr. (Reg. No. 27, 432), Clair X. Mullen, Jr. (Reg. No. 20, 348), Christopher P. Foley (Reg. No. 31, 544), John C. Paul (Reg. No. 30, 413), David M. Kelly (Reg. No. 32, 220), Walter Y. Boyd, Jr. (Reg. No. 31, 738), Steven M. Anzalone (Reg. No. 32, 220), James B. Fordis (Reg. No. 32, 984), Barbara C. McCurdy, (Reg. No. 32, 220), Jakes (Reg. No. 32, 844), Thomas W. Banks (Reg. No. 31, 744), J. Michael Jakes (Reg. No. 32, 844), Thomas W. Banks (Reg. No. 31, 744), J. Michael No. 32, 013) and Charles E. Van Horn (Reg. No. 40, 266), each of whose address is 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20005-3315, or any one of them, my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent & Trademark Office connected therewi

true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

I declare further that my mailing address is at c/o Intellectual Property Division, KABUSHIKI KAISHA TOSHIBA. 1-1 Shibaura 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-8001, Japan; and that my citizenship and residence are as stated below next to my name:

Inventor: (Signature)	Date	Residence
	<sub>Date:</sub> NOV. 19.2001	_
Yasufumi Tahara	Citizen of: Japan	Kokubunji-shi, Japan
Yasufumi Tahara		
	Date: NOV. 19.2001	-
Heromune Suetsugu	Citizen of: Japan	Ome-shi, Japan
Hiromune Suetsugu //		
The Poly	Date: NOV. 19.2001	_
Lenji Baba	Citizen of: Japan	Kodaira-shi, Japan
Kenti Baba		
	Da La .	
	Date:	_
er Heren	Citizen of: Japan	
Sand Andre		
	Date:	-
	Citizen of: Japan	
	Date:	_
	Citizen of: Japan	
	Date:	_
	Citizen of: Japan	
	70 1	
	Date:	
	Citizen of: Japan	